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ATTENTION: BOX AFTER FINAL  
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3677

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 5711.0122

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Ryoichiro UEHARA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3677  
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Application No.: 09/963,577 ) Examiner: J. R. Brittain  
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Filed: September 27, 2001 )  
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For: BUCKLE )

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Sir:

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In reply to the Final Office Action of November 1, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for two (2) months by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 9 and amend claim 1 as follows:

1. A buckle comprising:

a female body formed with a flat housing and a male body having flexible insertion legs which are engaged with each other by insertion, each of the female body

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